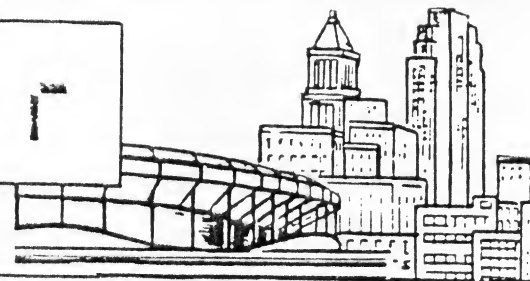


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## USERS GROUP OF CINCINNATI



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### NEXT MEETING:

February 24, 1985

March 24, 1985

April 28, 1985

All meetings are held at 2:00 P.M.  
in room 506, Crosley Tower,  
University of Cincinnati.

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Elections were held at the January meeting. Randy Gordon was elected president. Congratulations Randy. Rick Johnson was elected secretary/treasurer. Congratulations Rick. Randy and Rick will be installed at the February meeting.

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The cassette containing the DRAW program that was demoed at the January meeting, was apparently misplaced. It was in a small brown envelope. Please check to see if you may have picked it up by mistake. Please return it to Jack Roberts.

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Please submit all articles to:  
Bill Bernard  
6316 Firestone Dr.  
Fairfield, OH 45014

### President's Report

Two years ago at Christmas I got a 128K RAM Pack to add to my ZX/80. I was ready to do some serious computing. WOW WHAT POWER! I hooked up my new toy and low & behold it worked! I was ready to rule the world. All was fine till I tried to load a tape I just made. CRASH!!! After 3 hours of trying the usual tricks nothing worked. Must be a defective RAM Pack. Quick what happened to the warrants card? Lost in the 3 kids Xmas mess. Oh well.

At that point I realized how alone the users of TS/ZX computers were. Syntax and Sinc were no help to try isolating my problem. There were several groups listed in these pages but none in the Tristate area, so why not start one?

I knew that Bill Bernard had a ZX-81 so I ran the idea past him. We decided to give it a try. The beginning was rough at first. We ran off some fliers and stuffed them in all the TS/ZX books in the Tristate area, resulting in 21 people at our first meeting in March 1983. Since then we have grown to a loose group of 200 or so people of which 50 are members. We have been routinely printing a newsletter for well over a year thanks to Bill Bernard, and we are a well recognized group in the country.

Two of our charter members, Jack Roberts and Jay Southcomb have established one of the finest stores of TS/ZX stuff in the country. They have a full service repair shop staffed by Tim Carver. They have just acquired the entire timeX Little Rock AR. repair facilities lock stock & transistor. They are now getting repairs from all over the country.

All these efforts are for one purpose. SUPPORT support for all of us. Without this group the timeX computer would have died last year when timeX bellied up. This group is stronger than ever and still growing.

## OFFICERS:

Rick Johnson, President 825-1449  
Kurt Albrecht, Treasurer 542-3921  
Gary Szekeres, Secretary 331-8966

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Why then have I not accepted the nomination as President? I made that choice when I first called Bill. The time has come and I feel that some new blood would be good for the group. I will continue to work as hard as ever for the group.

I wish to take this chance to wish Randy Gordon the best as our President. He will have my support and hope he will have yours.



"To turn left, you have to press Control Caps Shift and then L."

## FEB NEWS from the T/S CONNECTION

This month marks the first anniversary of the death of the Timex Computer Corp., but T/S users are alive and well, and it seems to me, getting stronger all the time.

New products are popping up every day, and interest in our fine little machines is running high.

The all new interface for the TS 1000 disk drive is now a reality and it is really GREAT. I have had mine for several days now, and can't make enough raves about it.

Target date for the 2068 Disk Drive is now FEB. 20th, and AERCO tells me that this looks like a firm date.

Z-LINK is up and running and will allow use of Spectrum peripherals with the 2068.

SPEC-TAX, an aid to Income Tax preparation is almost ready, and the finished product should be available in a couple of weeks. See review later in this column.

MUSICOLA, for the 2068 is now in stock, and is fantastic program for you music lovers. Our service dept can install a jack on your 2068 that will allow the noise to run through your stereo.

The TSC printer switch for the 2040 printer is available, and will help to reduce overheating of the 2040 when the printer is not being used.

Smart II explained. This 30 page manual, in plain english, explains the inner workings of the Smart II software. Get the full use of your 2050 Modem when you understand Macrokeys, Xlate tables, Up/Down Loads, etc.

Spectrum software is becoming more and more available and some of it runs on the 2068 without a eeprom or emulator.

Several new goodies are now on the market which enable the use of Spectrum software. The Rom/Switch, The Emulator Board are available now, and a new one from Zebra will be with us in a short while.

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#### SPEC-TAX REVIEW:

Altho this program is a bit late in making the scene for the 1985 return, there is still time to put it to good use.

Spec- Tax will NOT do your return for you. But, used along side of your 1040, it takes you line by line, page by page, and schedule by schedule, through the entire form.

The program is NOT recommended for Schedule "F" filers.

As each page, section, or schedule is completed, you then have the ability to check all entries, and to check your own math with that shown on the screen.

The prompts and questions that appear in each screen display will enable the user to make sure that all adjustments, credits, and deductions to which he is entitled, will be claimed.

A really neat feature of Spec-Tax is BOLD print. This is selected at the beginning of the program, and if turned on makes all pertinent entries on the screen and on the 2040 printer in heavy, or bold, type.

It isn't often that I see a Tax program that gets a second look. This one has had several looks, and it looks better each time. I may even use it to check my tax accountants work!!!

Order by phone, 271 5575

.....\$16.95

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#### MODEM USERS:

Do you know that we have our own SIG on the Coconut BBS??

The number is 984 8705.

Products, Bulletins, and general information for all Timexers is there for your use.

Magazines have a 3 to 4 month lead time for news, this News Letter usually has a 3 to 4 week lead time.

The T/S Connection SIG is updated as news is received and verified, often on a daily basis. The Sig is there for your use, and information, why not use it?

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The March issue of the Computer Shopper has a review of DRAW II. This program was written by Jon Roketenetz (a member of our group) and is available now from The T/S Connection.

Check it out, it's really GREAT! It is in stock now and is

.....\$24.95

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THE T/S CONNECTION SERVICE DEPT. IS NOW IN FULL OPERATION AND IS EQUIPPED TO HANDLE REPAIRS OF ALL T/S EQUIPMENT.

Technician Tim Carver is on hand to get that sick unit up and running in good order.

The T/S Connection has just purchased the entire inventory of the Timex Computer repair facility in Little Rock, and will soon have all of the necessary goodies to keep 'em running for a long time.

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## SPECIAL

Due to the above purchase, we can now offer Original, New, Tapes for the 1000 at only \$6.00 a dozen.

These are high quality tapes, and are great to use as blank tapes for saving other programs. These won't last long at this price, get your order in NOW!!

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T/S 1500 T/S 1500 T/S 1500

The hard to find 1500 is now easy to find...at the T/S place. The T/S Connection!!!

These are USED units, but have been thoroughly checked by TIM, and are in top condition. 30 days guarantee, replacement or refund.

These units do not come in a fancy box, and do not have a manual, but if you can use a 1000, you can use a 1500.

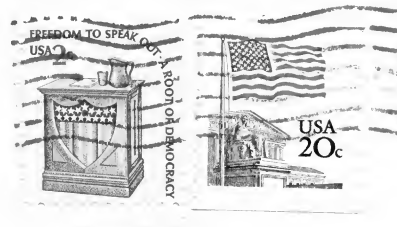
Call now, 271 5575, to get one of these jewels before they are all gone.

.....\$50.00

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